

LAND OF LEARNING NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurturing the seeds of

AUTUMN 2017

Message from the Head

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter,

This has been a very busy term for all at nursery and school. I am very pleased to see how hard the children have been working and the enthusiasm they show for learning and achieving academic excellence. This term we have particularly focused on developing deep and meaningful mastery in core areas of learning such as mathematical skills. Next term we will be focusing on reading and writing with many workshops and activities planned to enhance children's learning.

Mrs S Vania

Maths Week

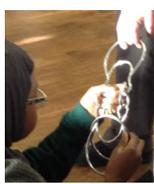
This term we enjoyed a Mega Maths week!

The week started with the Happy Puzzle Company coming into school. We solved puzzles, we learnt how to analyse situations and work systematically. The workshop helped us to think in a logical manner and solve awesome maths problems. The best part was working in teams!

On Wednesday we brought our own maths board games from home (some of us even made our own games!) and shared them with our friends. We also had maths trails around the school that involved measuring weird and wonderful things around school.

On Thursday it was the annual SNAPATHON in which five schools took part. The Judges PC Philip Wandless and Mrs Chowdhury, Assistant Head of Sandfield Close Primary School declared Land of Learning snapathon champions 2017. Well done to our maths superstars

During the week each class worked on maths challenges which were judged on Friday. Year 3's and 4's had to make a giant's house out of recycled materials, which turned out to be a lot harder than expected! Year 5's and 6's were given lots and lots of Lego and had to build futuristic buildings that would be eco-friendly. The results were superb. We learnt mega maths facts about Masjid Umar and we realised that maths is everywhere and maths is fun. On Friday we had a special assembly sharing our experiences and we received prizes for our efforts.



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Our Maths
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Year 4B- Ahmad Boodi

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Year 3B- Tayyab Hussein

Switch Off-Fortnight

The Eco-School committee helped to organize switch-off fortnight which is a national initiative to save energy. Saving Energy is their current goal to help our school work towards the silver award for being an eco friendly school.

Our eco-committee took their job very seriously when they were commissioned by Mrs Salloo to secretly go around the school checking which classes left their lights on when no one was in the classroom. They displayed their results in their dedicated Eco-Assembly and the whole school was amazed at the success of their secret mission. They named the classes who were best at always switching their lights off when they were out and those that left them on the most. Alhamdulillah by the end of the fortnight we had improved and the eco-school committee were able to report back a good result.



In the dedicated eco-assembly we had a visit from PC Ranjit Sonigra who explained to us how to stay safe in the dark during the long winter nights.

The eco-school committee also made lavender candles for the whole school and attached a label to promote peace; 'Take your candle and light the world'. **PLEASE NOTE these candles should not be lit as some of them may be faulty.**

Switch off Friday was a chance for us to think about how we would cope without electricity. The whole school was in darkness as we kept all the lights off. We brought in torches and alternative sources of light such as glow sticks so we could still see, read and do our work.

All £500 that we raised was to benefit Solar Aid; an international charity that provides lights in some of the most remote regions of the world. Thank you for your support.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year we raised £770 in our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is a chance for people to treat themselves to a hot drink and some cake whilst raising much needed funds to help Macmillan be there for people facing cancer.

There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and we want to ensure Macmillan can be there to support them all.

We were overwhelmed by the number of cakes, biscuits and treats that were donated this year, JazakAllahu Khairan to all the parents who donated,



Anti-Bullying Week

The fourth week of this half-term was Anti-Bullying Week. This was an opportunity for us all to revise what bullying actually is, how to respond if we are being bullied or if we see someone else being bullied.

As a school we do not tolerate bullying and our Halaqah theme focused on how we are all created equal but unique; that is the beauty of diversity. We used our Friday assembly as an opportunity to pledge again that we will say 'No!' to bullying.

The Upper Key Stage 2 children looked more deeply into why people bully and some of the statistics related to bullying, such as; more than half of people under 25 will, at some point, experience bullying.

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Bullying is a national emergency and we used Anti-Bullying week to educate ourselves and to speak out against bullying.

TRIPS

This term we've had lots of trips going out Alhamdulillah thanks to our lovely teachers and Mrs Ahmed who take the time out to organize them.

Brocks Hill



The year 4's and 5's went on a Halaqa trip to Brocks Hill Park to show their appreciation for nature. They filled out a nature canvas which helped them look at nature differently. They had a good walk despite it being a chilly morning and ended off by playing on the swings and slides.

F1 & F2 have also been going weekly to Brocks Hill for forest school activities as part of their outdoor activities curriculum.



Sea Life Centre

The year 1's visited Sea Life Centre in Birmingham to consolidate their learning about animals in science and to link that with their learning in Geography about the sea & coast.



Fire Station



In Halaqa we learnt about the importance of respecting our community, neighbours and people who help us. To show our appreciation to our fire brigade for the huge risks they face to keep us safe, year 6 students went to Eastern fire station to deliver some gifts to the firemen and women. They watched a demonstration of a chip pan fire being extinguished and of a rescue from a tall tower.

The students were allowed to sit in the fire engine and look at the fire fighting equipment. To end off the visit, they watched a video about celebrating safely.



Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

After learning about Anglo-Saxon's in History and Art this term, the year 5's went on a trip to Birmingham Museum to see the Staffordshire Hoard; the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon treasure ever found. It was fun for the students to dress up in Anglo-Saxon clothes, listen to Anglo-Saxon stories (in their



own language) and take part in a workshop to learn all about the work archaeologists do to excavate ancient relics from the ground. It was a great day out and it helped to consolidate their learning over the term.

Stonehurst Farm

The year 2's went to the farm to find out about different animals, vehicles and habitats, which they have been studying in science, art and geography.



Masjid Umar

The year 1's went to the Masjid as part of math's week to see how many things they could count. They counted the 365 prayer spaces, more than 125 light bulbs in the chandelier and 44 steps. They found out that the Masjid was opened in 2000 so it is now 17 years old!



Reminders

- Please park considerately. The school gates should **never** be obstructed in order to allow emergency vehicles access to the building.
- We are a healthy eating school, so no crisps (except baked crisps), chocolates, jam or chocolate spread sandwiches please. We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL
- Punctuality is an essential part of life please instil this in children by always being on time.
- Label all uniform.

Fun in the Nursery this term

Age UK



Nursery went to visit Age UK. They helped the elderly by cleaning up leaves singing nasheeds and we made leaf rubbings which they gifted to the elderly who were delighted with their young visitors.



Maths Week



During Maths week F1 were enthusiastic in their passion for numbers. They walked around the school playground counting lights, gates and drain pipes.

They also made number hats using natural resources they had collected outside, such as leaves twigs and feathers.

Brocks Hill



F1 & F2 have been enjoying outdoor activities at Brocks Hill. They have taken part in den making, listened to and identified the sounds of nature and took part in a nature walk where they filled out a nature canvas with items they found on their way.



Parents' Stay & Play session



This term we have been running sessions where the parents can experience the way our F1's play and learn in the nursery. The nursery staff ran 5 different sessions where parents were able to see students fine motor skills, read with their children, make models with playdough, make houses out of junk materials and play lots and lots of fun maths games. We hope to continue running these sessions and would love if even more of the F1 parents come in next term to join us.

Contact Details

We are an eco-friendly school and are therefore reducing our use of paper. All communication will be by text message, email and/or our website, which is:

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